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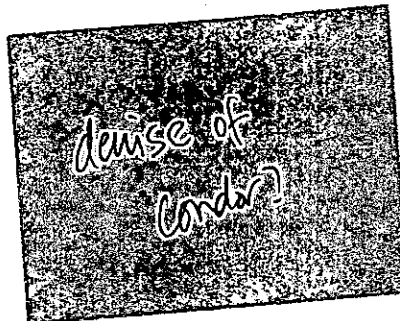
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AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE GENERAL OROZCO, THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OF CHILE, VISITED ASUNCION ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11 TO SEPTEMBER 14. WE NOW HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT WHAT TOOK PLACE WAS A SECRET MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF INTELLIGENCE OF ARGENTINA, CHILE, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, AND PERHAPS BOLIVIA. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S INFORMANT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE LETELIER CASE AND ADOPT A COMMON POSITION, PARAGUAY ACTED AS HOST SUPPOSEDLY AT CHILE'S REQUEST. A SERIES OF MEETINGS TOOK PLACE STRUCTURED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA AND CHILE WERE NEVER PRESENT AT THE SAME SESSION. REPORTEDLY THE MEETING ENDED BADLY BECAUSE THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE TRIED TO INFLUENCE THE OTHERS TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CASE.
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